

## City Once Known As 'Barrendale'; Hold-up' Early People Discussed

The fifth chapter of Miss Alice Voyle Rashleigh's historical review of Carbondale is presented in today's edition of The News. She tells that the city once was known as "Barrendale", and that it also had a bank hold-up, which was talked about for years afterward. Early Carbondale personalities are dealt with as Miss Rashleigh continues her interesting series.

Today's installment:

The Milford and Owego Turnpike crosses Fell Township on its Southern line. It was built December 1, 1828. Mail was carried once a week on horseback from Wilkes-Barre to Milford and from Scranton to Newburgh, N. Y., passing near Carbondale for two years.

The Carbondale Postoffice was six miles away at Clarkstown and mail was received twice a week. When John Murin was postmaster, mother used to go for her mail, asking for her magazine, and he would say: "Maggie who?". What she said isn't recorded.

An old print shows the churches all in a row. The land was given to them by the Delaware and Hudson Company as was that of Maplewood and the Old Catholic cemetery.

The prosperity of Carbondale, supposedly named by Washington Irving and earlier known as Barrendale (Terrence Powderly, Sr. said) depended on the amount of work done by the D. & H. Canal Company and as the years go on this is still true and there will probably be coal long after we have passed to our reward.

Struggling through many disasters the town survived. Buildings were rebuilt and today the "Anthracite City" is the oldest in the coal region and the fourth oldest in the Keystone State.

Those who left here carried with them the name Carbondale into seven states—Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, and Ohio.

The Belmont section was not developed till 1872 and Canaan street was No. 1 Hill because of No. 1 Plane. The Main road from No. 1 Hill to the Mores Tannery was known as Tannery Road. Bunnell Mfg. Co., was at the Carbondale end and on the opposite side was Moqn's carriage shop, where

Russell's Ice Cream Parlor, the result of another Russell— James who came to Greenfield in 1840 as a farmer and dairy man. Milk has been brought into Carbondale by the Russell family for over 100 years.

Between the south side of the Catholic cemetery and Racket Brook a strip of woodland was the rendezvous for a gang of robbers who robbed the First National Bank, South Main street, after gagging James Statt, cashier, and escaped across the river to the west side hills. My Aunt "Stevey", standing in the doorway of my grandfather's store which faced north, saw these men cross the river. One of the gang was arrested and confessed. The whole gang were caught and convicted. In later years, some of them came back to the city. If any of you own a book called "Timothy Dale" by Juniata Salsbury you will find there the story of the robbery.

On this date in 1851, March 15, Governor William Johnson signed the charter which made Carbondale a city. Thus, Carbondale has been a municipal corporation 95 years. It is older as a city than either Scranton or Wilkes-Barre.